Leveraging Data for the NPS Program

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INTRODUCTION

In this session we will try to accomplish:

- A Very brief introduction to 5 EPA database systems that may be useful for NPS
- Provide additional database info/links for those looking to know more
- Provide examples of multi-database integration
- Facilitate a discussion on approaches for integration
- Help identify NPS needs for data integration

Session Agenda

Intro and Purpose Tony

GRTS overview Fred

STORET/WQX overview Tony

NTTS overview Fred

ADB/NAD overview Tony

WATERS overview Tony

Discussion – leveraging these and other data for use in NPS, what is needed, what integration is already being done, what have states/regions done to integrate.

GRTS – Grants Reporting and Tracking System





State Records Tribal Grants Pre-Award

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Nonpoint Source System - GRTS

EPA Home > GRTS Home

Grant Reporting and Tracking System, Release 4.1

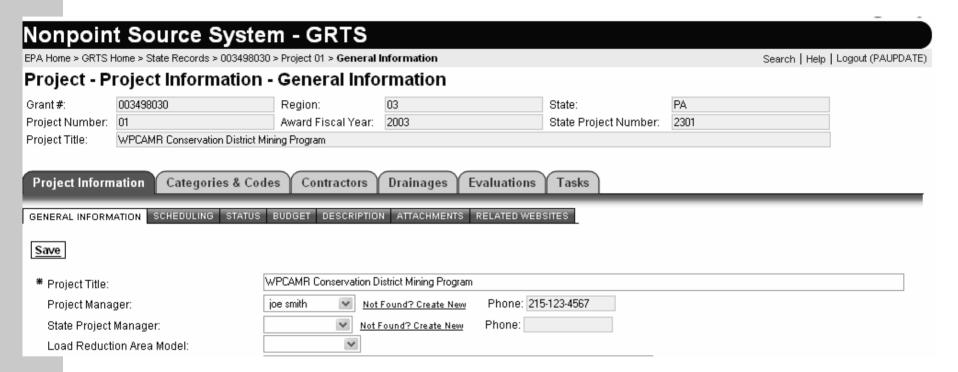
Welcome to the Grant Reporting and Tracking System (GRTS). This application allows users at the national, regional, and state levels to enter and view information relevant to NPS projects.

Please click on the links at the left to enter various database views and external databases, including the GRTS Online Help database, which is a good starting place for first time users.

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Here's the Initial Screen for a Project



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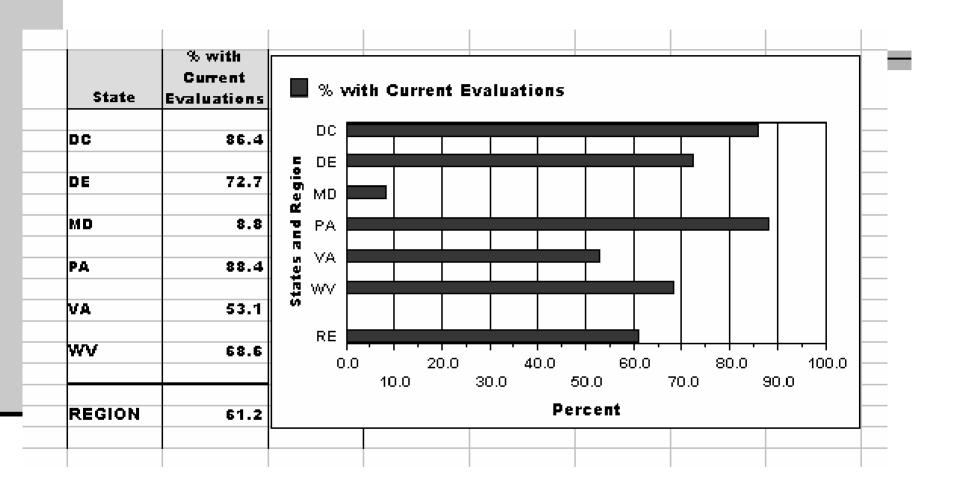
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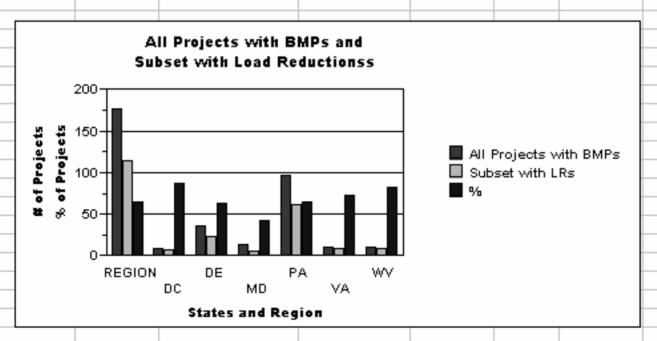


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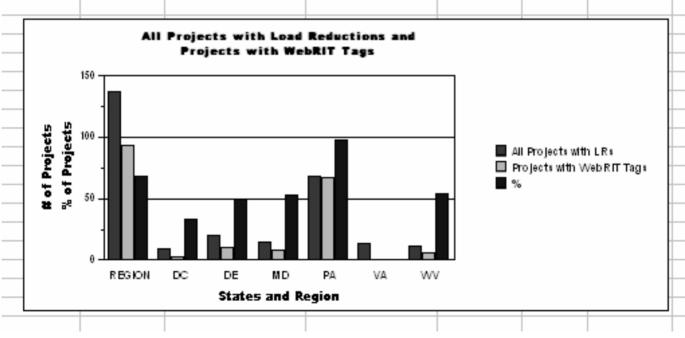
In accordance with <u>Guidelines for the Award of Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grants to States and Territories in FY 2002 and Subsequent Years</u>, States must use 80% of their "incremental" funds for implementation and may use up to 20% to develop watershed-based plans.

Using that '80%' as a benchmark, one would expect that about 80% of the incremental funds should be supporting implementation projects with BMPs. The Region 3 data currently shows about 58%.

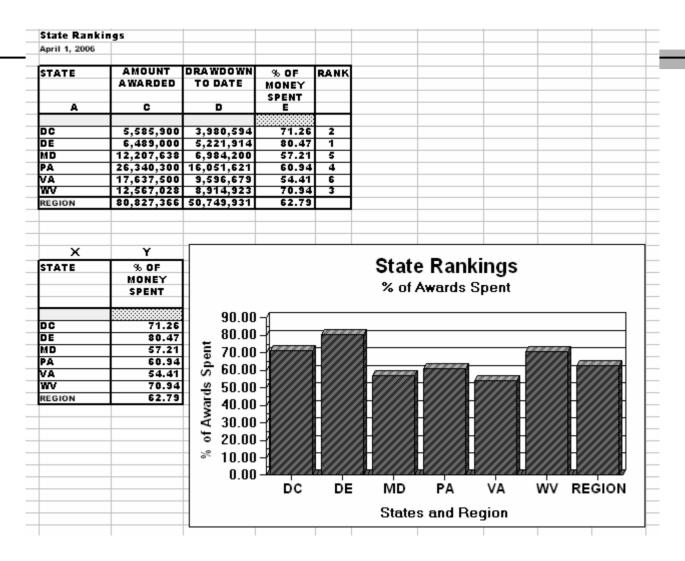
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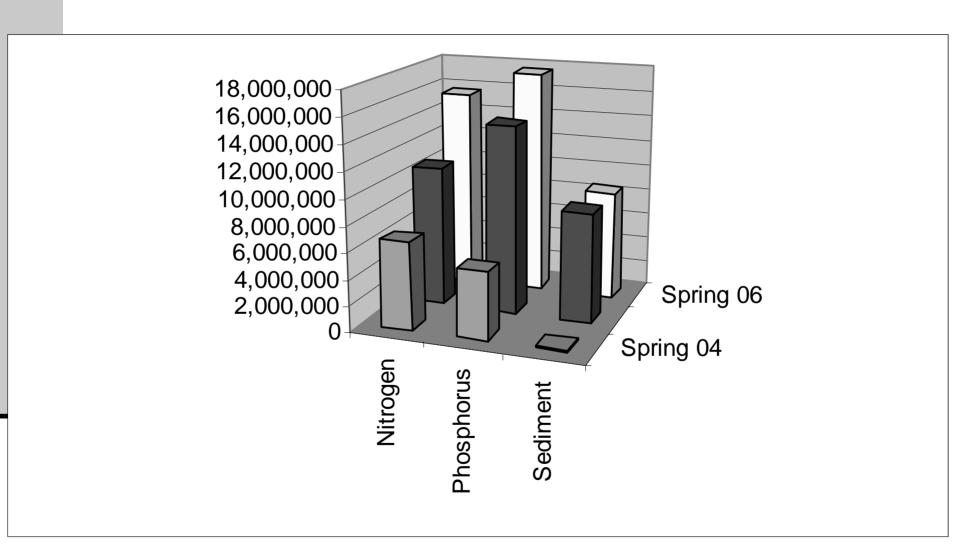


State Rankings by Percent of Expenditures Of Awarded Funds

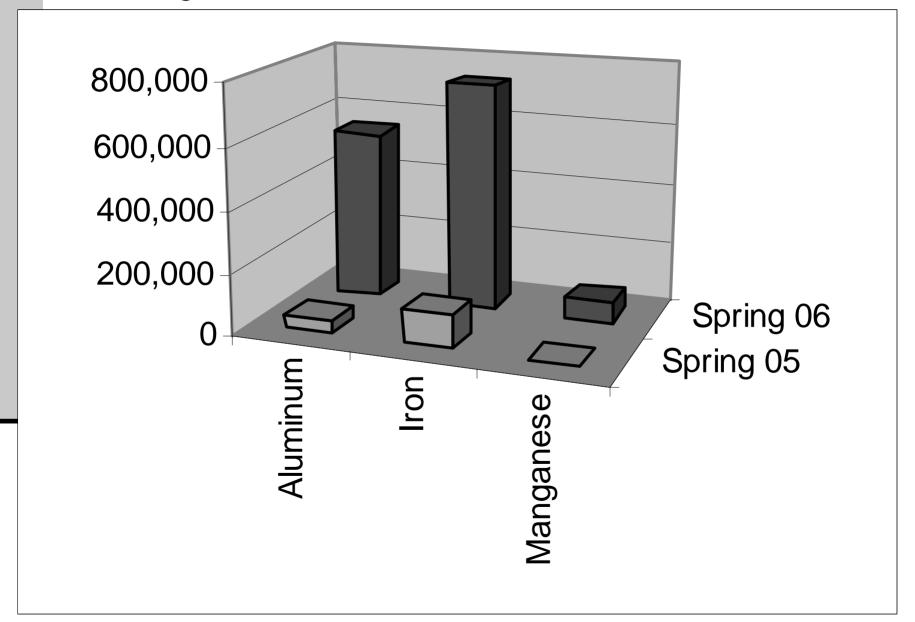


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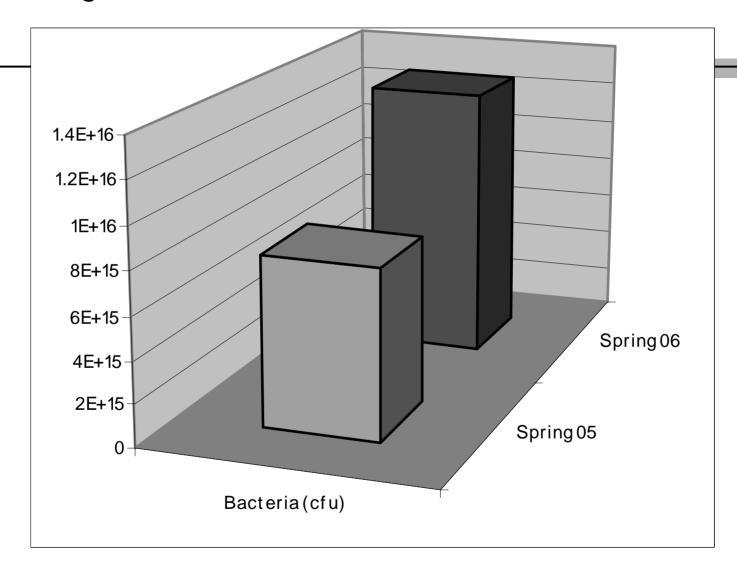
National NPS Program Indicators



Regional Environmental Indicators



Regional Environmental Indicators



That's All Folks



ADB – NAD Assessment Database and National Assessment Database

ADB/NAD — Platform

- ADB (Assessment Database) is a MS Access or Oracle application for States to organize and report their WQ assessments.
- NAD (National Assessment Database) is a Web-Based Oracle application for State submitted ADB roll-ups to a National System.
- Primarily used for Monitoring (305b/303d) and TMDL

ADB/NAD - Purpose

- Document and track assessment information for 305b/303d reporting or for Integrated Report
- Support the EPA Strategic Plan performance measures

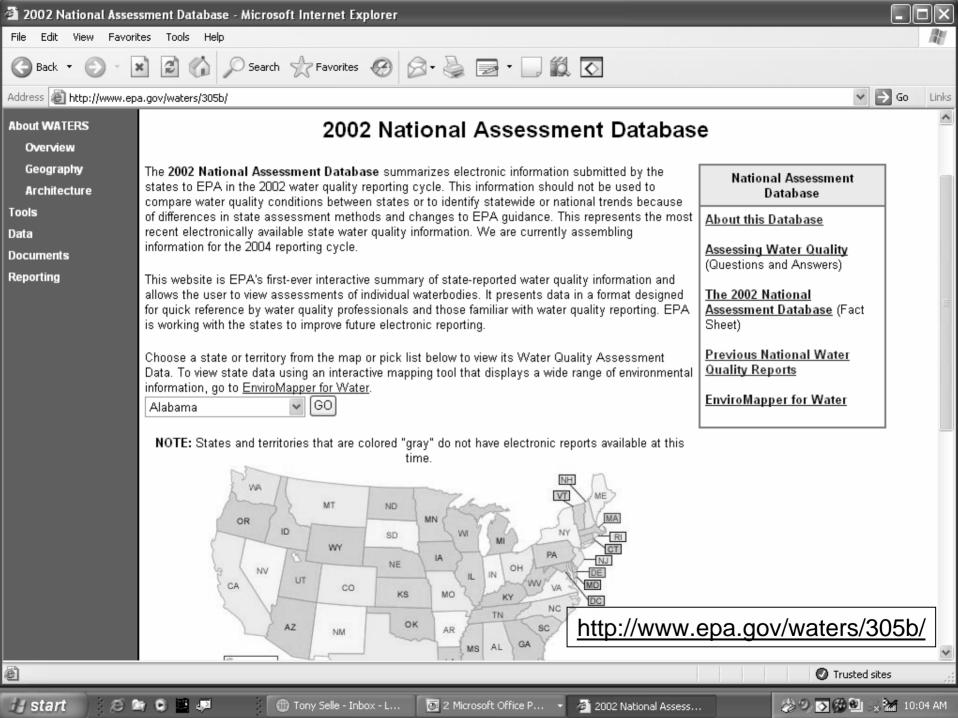
ADB/NAD Strengths and Weaknesses

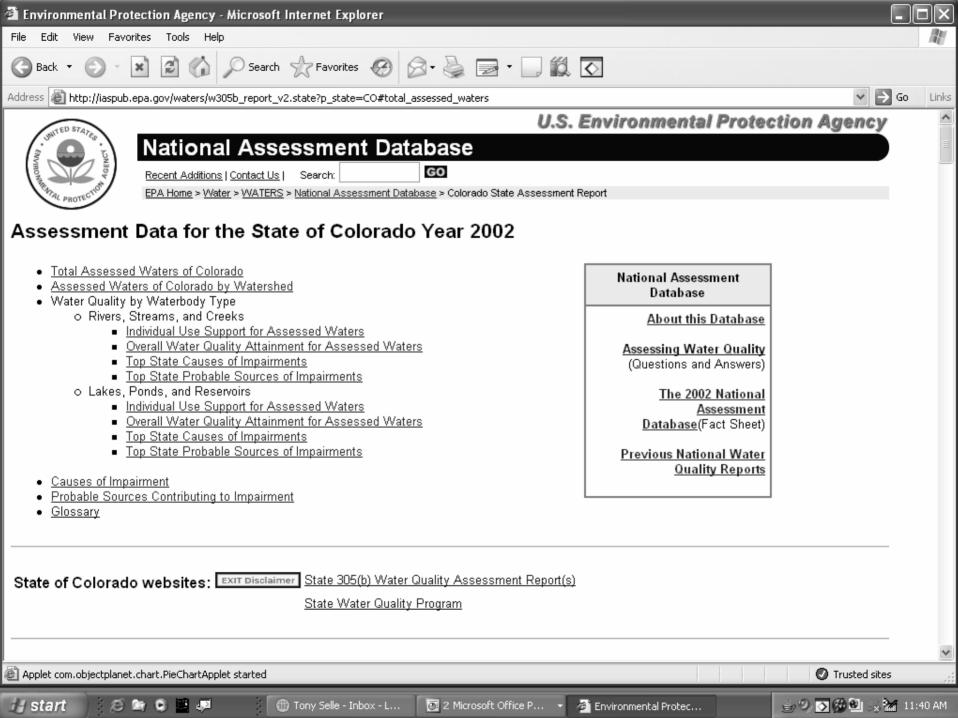
Strengths

- Does clearly identify and document assessment decisions (305b, 303d)
- Does support key data elements for IR

Weaknesses

- Does Not track TMDL information (NTTS does this now...integration planned for this year)
- Does Not support CDX transactions (building now...ready for 2008 IR cycle)
- As of today, does not link to other water database systems





STORET and WQX

STORET - Purpose

- To manage analytic sampling event information and analytic sample results
- To allow for long-term archive and re-use of data by all
- To provide a central point of access for analytical data

The Future of STORET

- ➤To keep pace with developing technologies and Agency wide data management strategies, EPA will be making significant changes to the STORET model of sharing data.
- ➤In the past, EPA has distributed the STORET database and a suite of data entry and retrieval tools to our partners, and use of the database has been the sole means to share data with the Agency.
- ➤ Over the next 3 years, EPA will phase out this approach.
- ➤ Through this transition period, EPA will continue to support both approaches for sharing data with EPA.
- >At the end of the transition period, STORET as presently implemented will no longer be supported.
- ➤ EPA is committed to working with our data partners through this transition.

What is WQX?

- >WQX is a future production water quality data flow that will facilitate water quality data submission and exchange between EPA and its data partners.
- ➤WQX consists of standard data formats for sharing data with EPA, a centralized national database, and enhancement of the existing STORET/WQX Data Warehouse, where information is accessed using the internet.
- The WQX formats are a set of standard 'schema' using Extensible Markup Language (XML) to provide various classes of data. A schema is simply a defined group of data elements that is organized in a set structure. XML provides a format for transferring the structured data by including a tag on each data element that identifies what element is included. XML files are text documents that apply this tagging approach.
- As a part of this new system for data sharing EPA will develop a number of tools and services to facilitate its use. This will include a tool for the generation of XML files, web submittals of data, and enhanced web services for data retrieval

For additional information:

Visit <u>www.epa.gov/storet</u> or Call Martin McComb, 303-312-6963

National TMDL Tracking System Overview

System Overview

- Oracle Relational Database
 - Development, Intranet, and Internet instances at EPA
 - 303(d) Lists, TMDLs, Lawsuits, Sources
 - Over 100 Database Tables and Views
 - One day delay from Intranet to Internet
- Part of WATERS Database Instance and Website (National Hydrography Database, Reach Address Database, NTTS, NAD, WebRIT, and others)
- Internet URL: http://www.epa.gov/waters/
- Intranet URL: http://intranet.epa.gov/waters/

NTTS Components

- Web based data entry system
- Web based reports
 - National, Regional, State, and HUC standard reports
 - Expert Query
 - Enviromapper
 - AskWATERS (future home of GPRA)
 - TMDL and Lawsuit Document full text searching
- MS Access Data Entry and Reporting
 - Direct access to Oracle Tables and Views
 - Build your own Access Reports
 - Data entry access is limited to list information.

NTTS 303(d) List Data

Required Data

- Waterbodies (state list id, water body name)
- Impairments (pollutants) that are impairing use

Not Required

- HUC, Waterbody Type (sometimes derived by Reach Indexing)
- Sources (Causes) of Impairments
- Impaired Uses

NTTS TMDL Data

Required

- Status, Approval date, Lead state
- Pollutants addressed by TMDL and source type
- At least one impaired water segment
- PCS facilities addressed by point source pollutants

Not Required

- Load and Waste Load Allocations where appropriate
- Actual TMDL and related document files in PDF or other format
- TMDL development information (cost, review dates, etc.)

Standard Web Reports

- National, Regional, State, HUC
- Use of simple bar charts
- Point and Click Selection
- Drill-down capability
- Management Reports on Intranet
- Internet URL: http://www.epa.gov/waters/tmdl/
- Intranet URL: http://intranet.epa.gov/waters/tmdl/

Expert Query

- Ad hoc reporting tool
- Complex selection, sorting, and display criteria
- Simple statistics
- Built in links to Enviromapper and other external standard reports
- Exports to Excel, Lotus
- Database driven (database views, metadata) easy to add more topics
- Popular
- URL Internet:
 http://www.epa.gov/waters/tmdl/expert_query.html
- URL Intranet (more data): http://intranet.epa.gov/waters/tmdl/expert_query.html

Enviromapper for Water

- OW's Mapping Tool
- Uses USGS/EPA National Hydrography Database (river/stream network)
- OW entities (303(d), 305(b), WQS, DWI, etc.) are reach-indexed to the NHD.
 - Lag time in reach indexing
- Zoom in from main page or directly map an entity.
- URL: http://www.epa.gov/waters/enviromapper/index.html

Ask WATERS

- Question Driven, Management and Analysis Reporting tool
 - Home for GPRA type queries
- Highlight capabilities and data of WATERS
 - Cross Program Spatial overlaps
 - Bar and Pie charts
 - Central OW data repository
 - Expanding on secondary use of WATERS data
- Production March 2005

TMDL Document Search

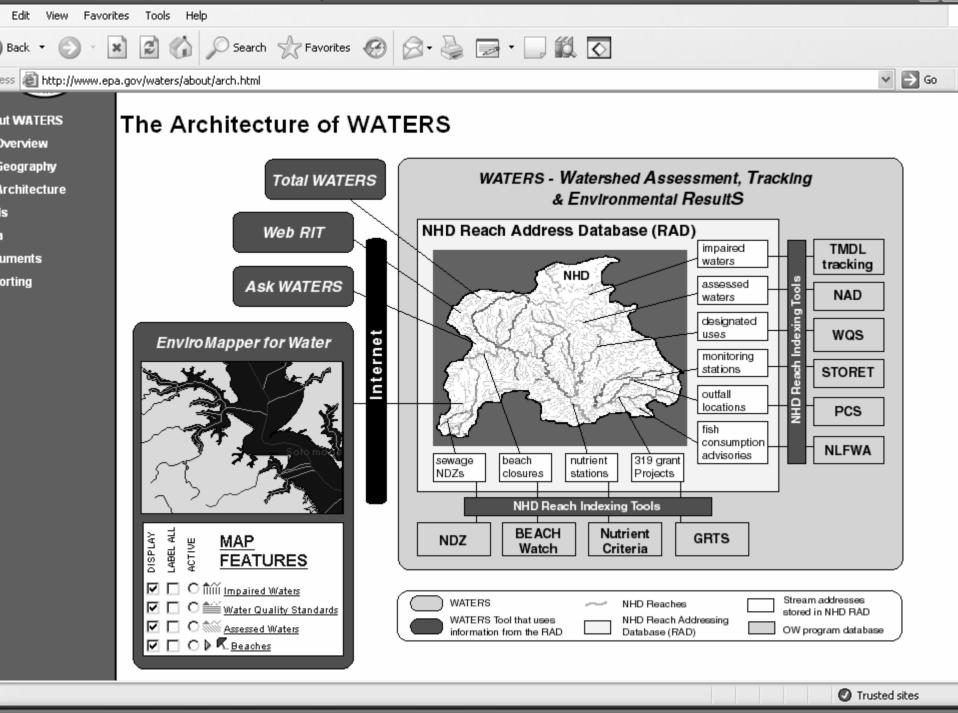
- Approved TMDL Documents and their appendices are uploaded to NTTS
- Documents are converted to PDFs
- Document text is indexed to allow for fulltext searching
- URL: http://www.epa.gov/waters/tmdl/tmdl_document search.html

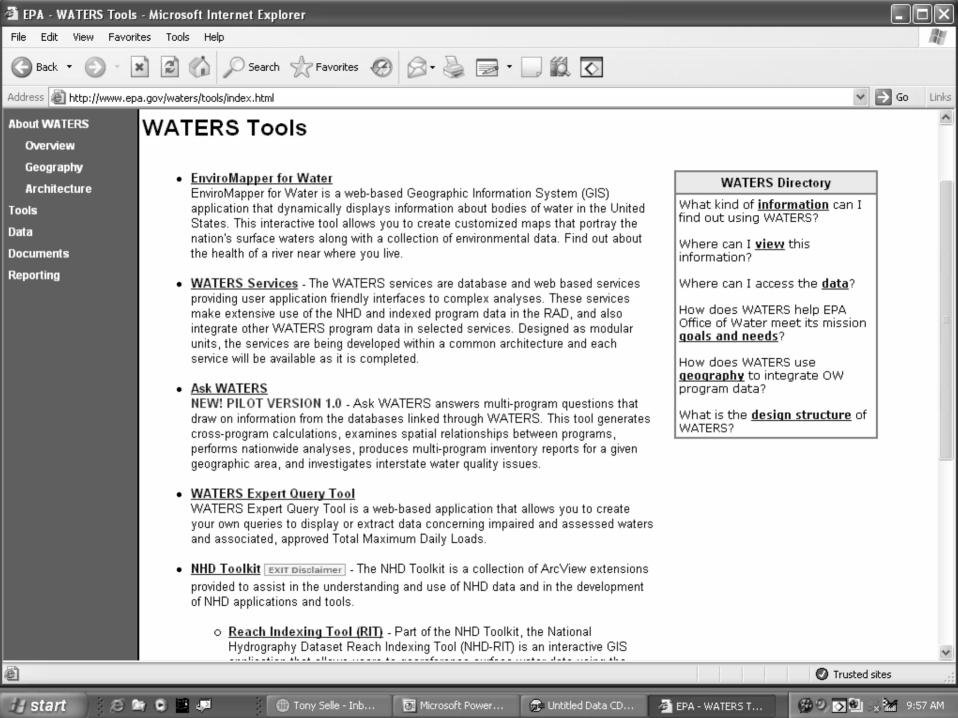
WATERS

WATERS – Integration of Data

- Web-based GIS application
- Integrates multiple Office of Water databases via spatial index
- Uses National Hydro Dataset (NHD) as linear framework to address reaches and point features

WATERS databases and architecture





Address 🔊 http://iaspub.epa.gov/waters/eventstatus



Status of Water Program Features (Linked to the NHD) by State, Tribe and Territory

(Generated on 12-JUN-06)

ALL features are available

SOME features are available NONE (No) features are available

Status of Water Program Features by State

State	Impaired Waters	Water Quality Standards	Assessed Waters	Beaches	Sewage No Discharge Zones	Nonpoint Source Projects
Alaska	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Alabama	SOME	NONE	NONE	SOME	NONE	NONE
Arkansas	SOME	NONE	SOME	NONE	NONE	NONE
Arizona	SOME	ALL	SOME	NONE	NONE	SOME
California	SOME	NONE	SOME	SOME	SOME	NONE
Colorado	SOME	ALL	SOME	NONE	NONE	SOME
Connecticut	SOME	ALL	SOME	SOME	NONE	NONE
District of Columbia	SOME	ALL	SOME	NONE	NONE	SOME
Delaware	SOME	ALL	SOME	SOME	NONE	SOME
Florida	SOME	ALL	SOME	SOME	SOME	SOME

WATERS - Issues

- Spatial indexing of water program data is not easy and not fast
- Reporting cycles are different for databases, some every year, others less frequently
- Any changes to the indexing frame (NHD) causes changes to all feature indexing

Tony's Soapbox Issue #1

- Because of OMB agency enterprise architecture requirements and cost considerations, EPA seems to be shifting from supporting MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS to supporting REPORTING SYSTEMS.
- Shifts the burden of managing data to the States (more than before).
- Likely will contribute to poor data quality in National EPA systems.

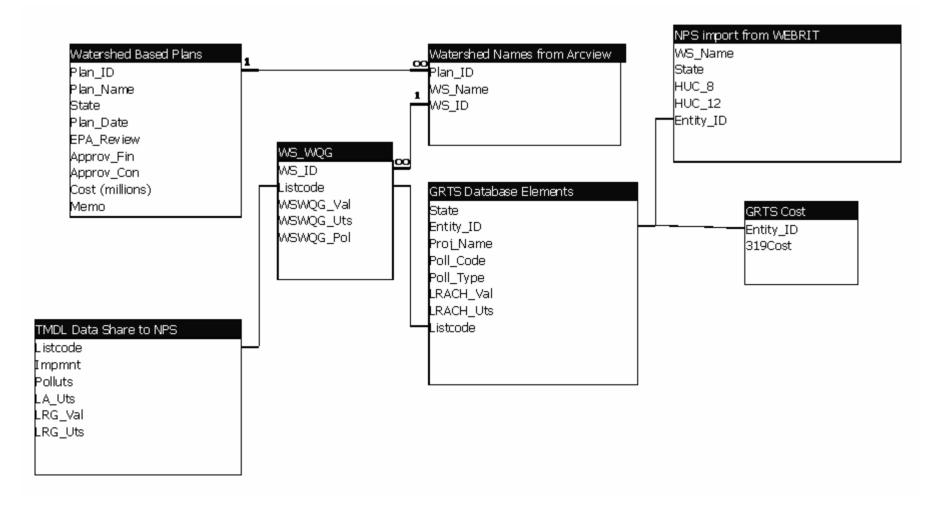
Fred's Integration Project Slides

Putting it all together



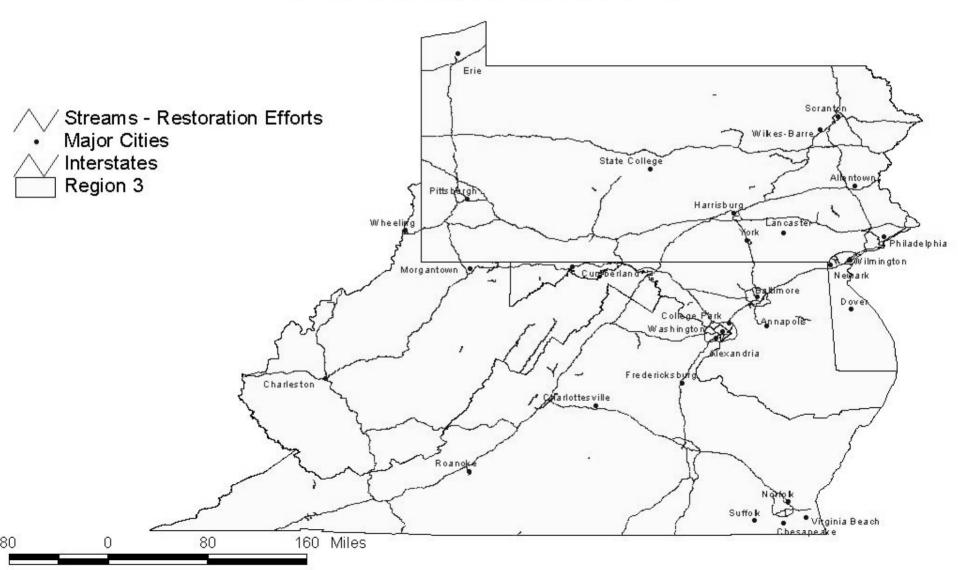
Region 3

Watershed Implementation Plan Regional Tracking System

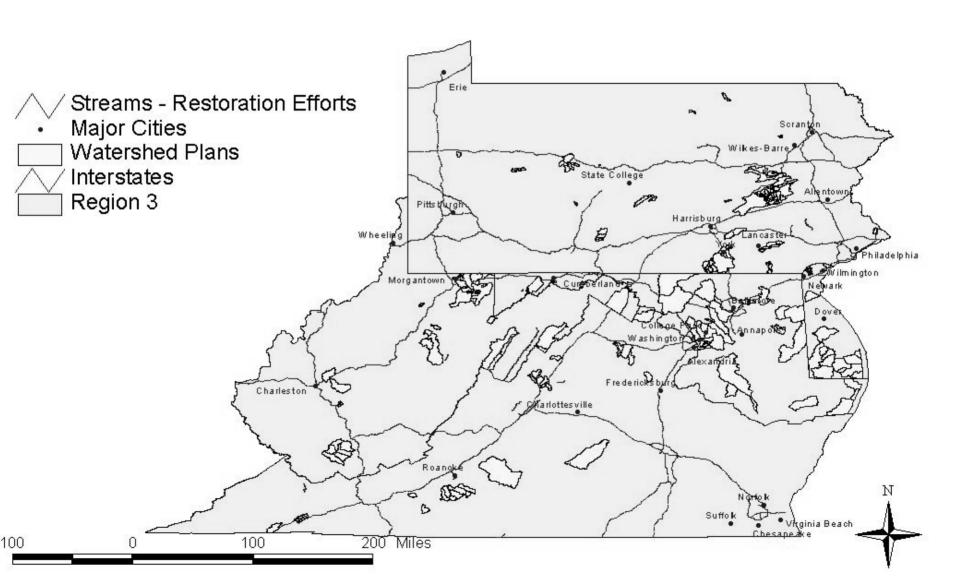


Watershed Based Plans Watersheds and Existing WEBRIT

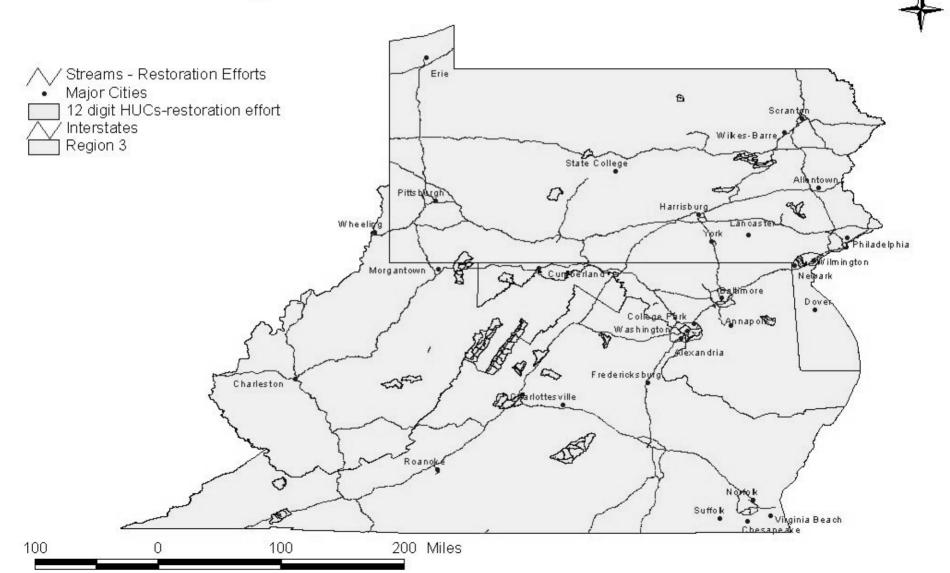
Waterbodies Targeted for Restoration



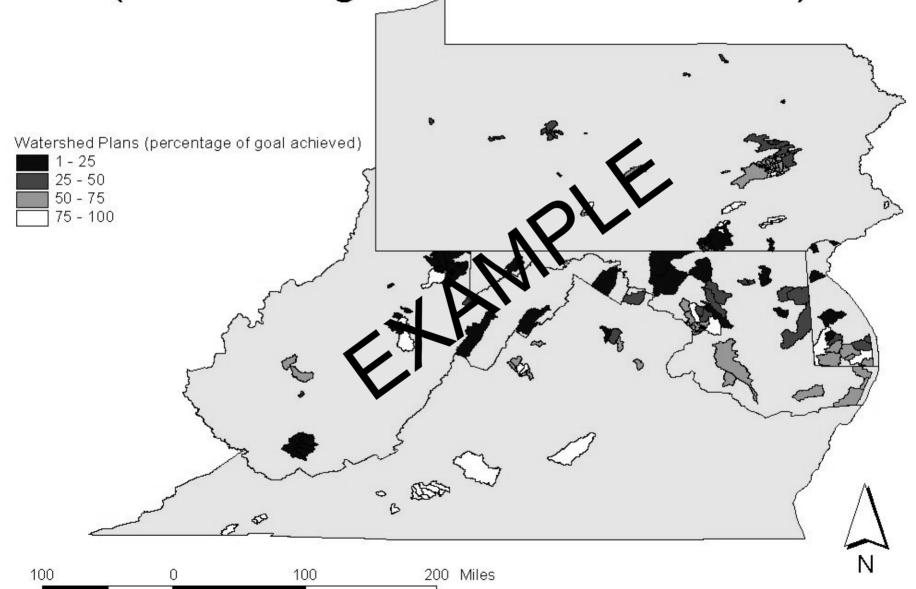
Waterbodies Targeted for Restoration and Watershed Plan Areas



Waterbodies Targeted for Restoration & 12 digit Watershed Boundaries



Watershed Plan (Percentage of Goal Achieved)



I'm the 'Decider' and I decided that this presentation is over.



Audience Participation

- How do you target 319 funding and projects to high priority waters?
- How do you integrate data from multiple programs and systems?
- Does all the monitoring data collected over time get used beyond its original purpose? Does it remain available?
- Is there a need to standardize on assessment and integration projects?

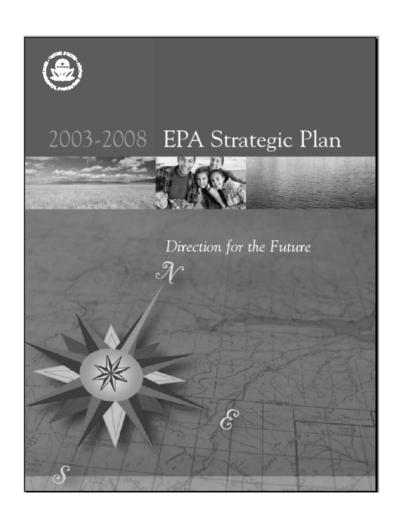
ADB-NAD Additional Overview Slides

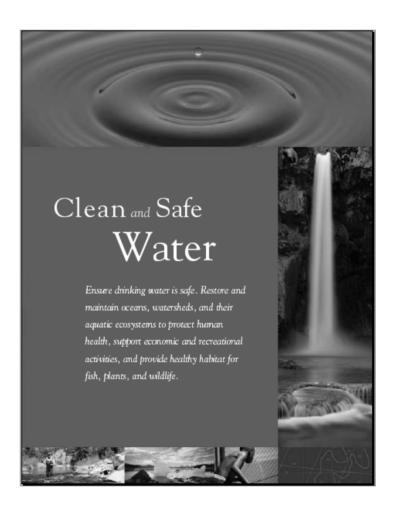
ADB Version 2.0 Overview

A discussion of ADB concepts and what types of questions ADB can answer.



ADB Outputs Help Answer GPRA Strategic Measures

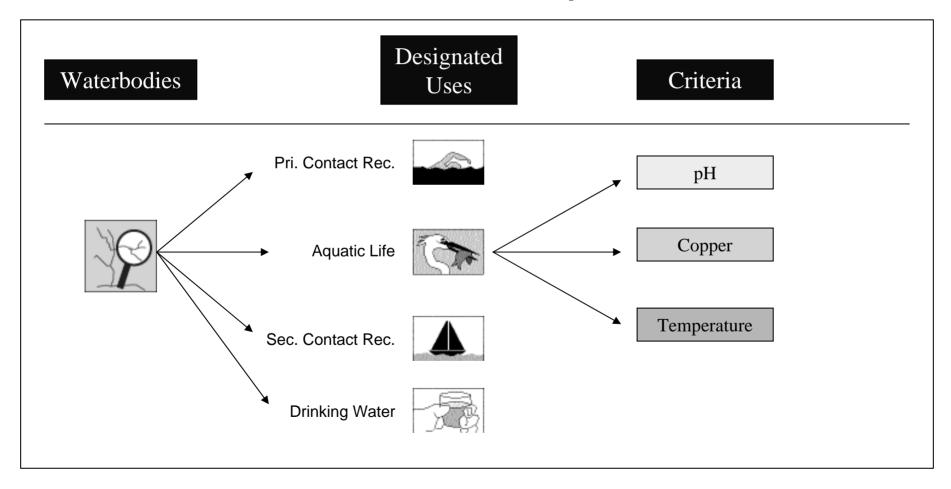




Specific Sub-Objectives that ADB can help answer

- •Subobjectives 2.1.3 and 2.2.1
- Strategic Targets
- Program Activity Measures (PAMs)

Basic concepts from a Water Quality Standards Perspective



These same concepts are incorporated into the logic of the ADB

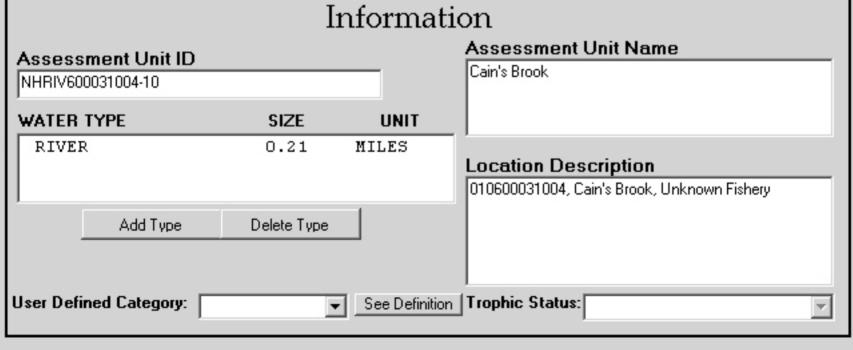
Assessment Units



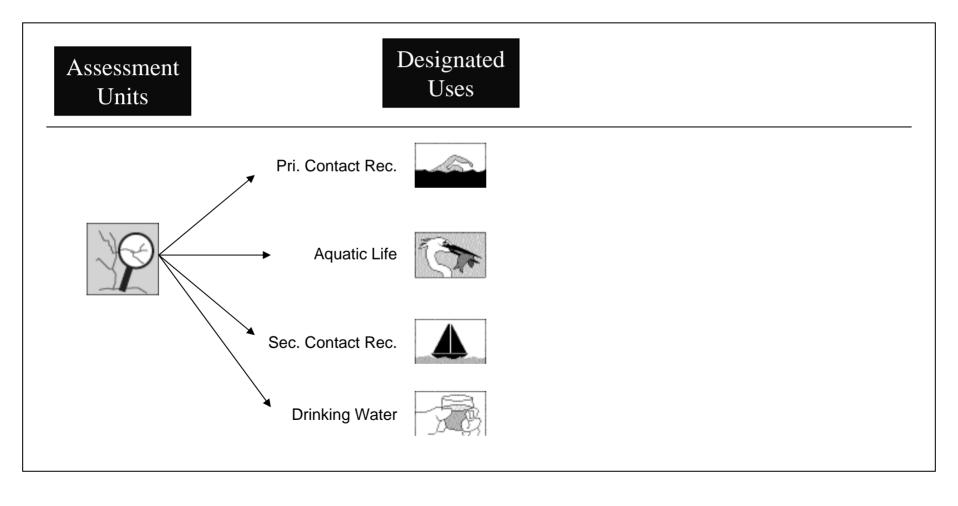
Assessment Units relate to WQS Waterbodies

ASSESSMENT UNITS

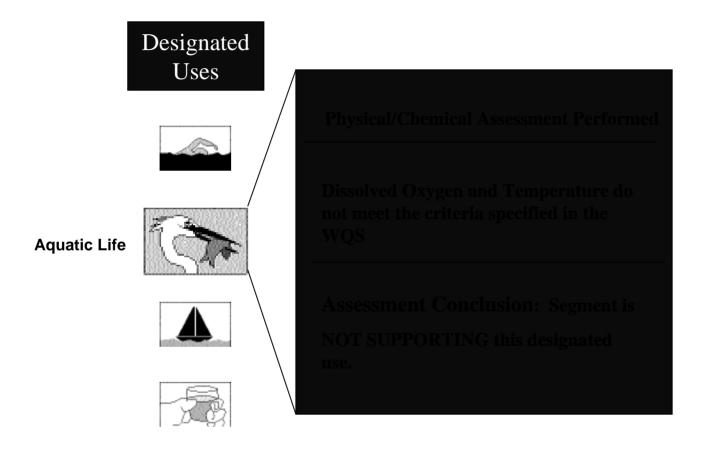
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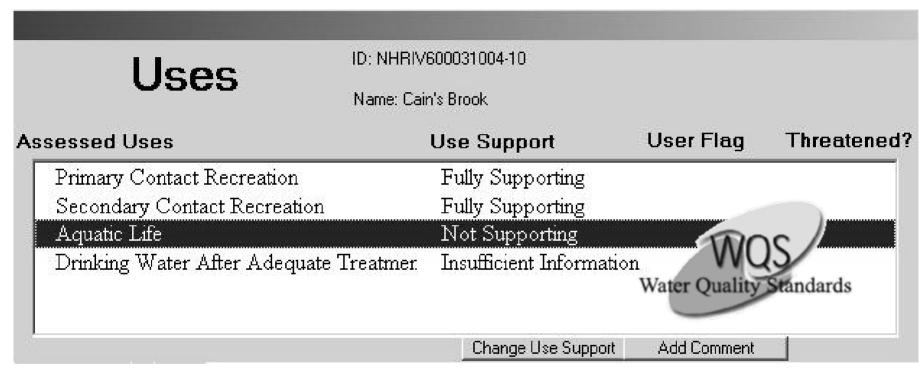
Designated Uses are assigned to Assessment Units



Designated Uses are assessed

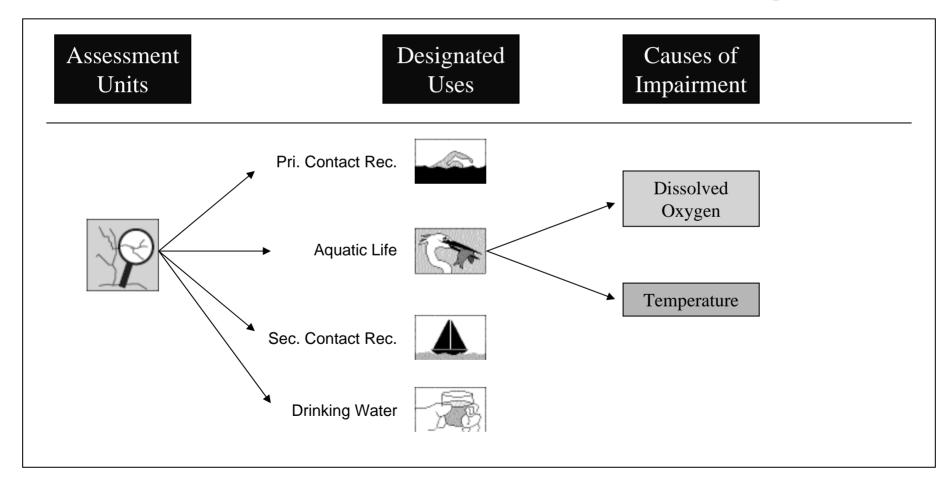


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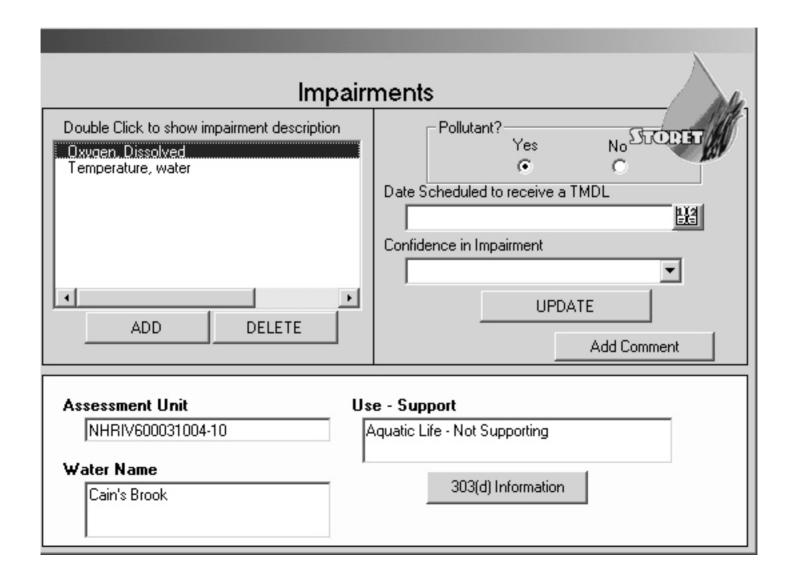


Uses from OST WQS Database

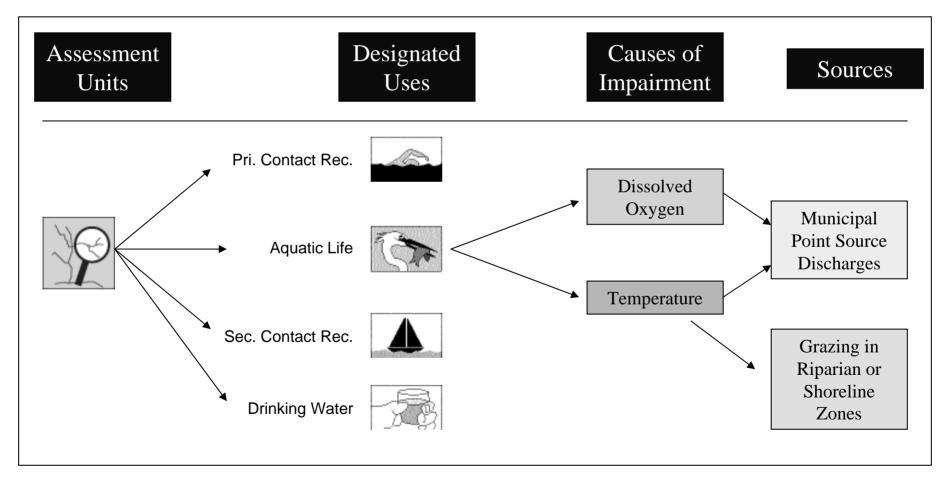
When Uses are not supporting, Causes of Impairments are assigned



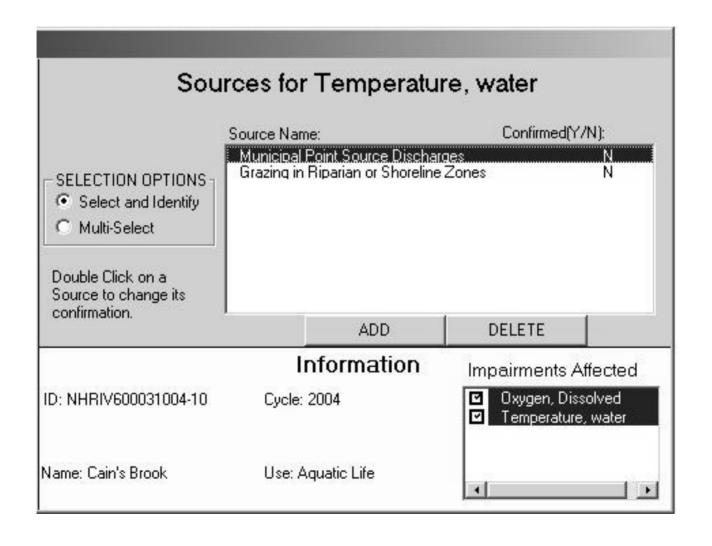
Use Impairments (Causes) – List Largely Based on STORET



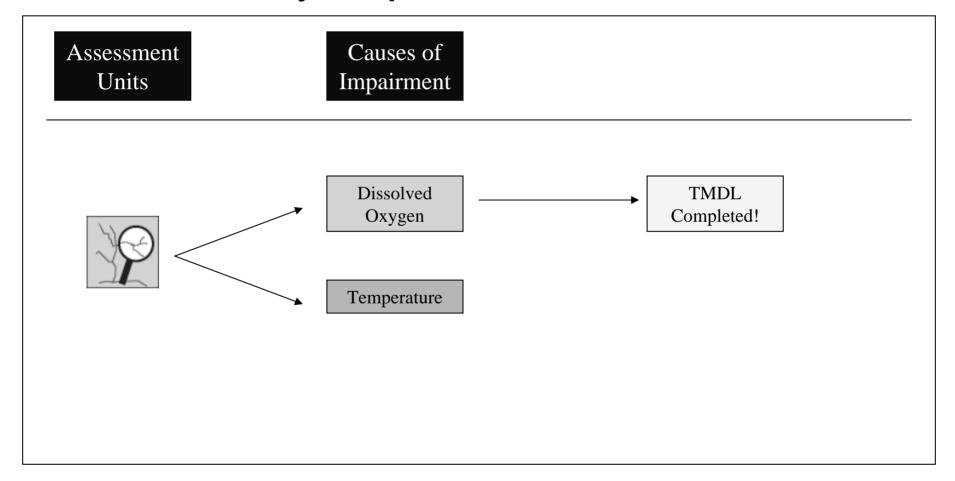
For Impairments (causes) identified, Sources are assigned



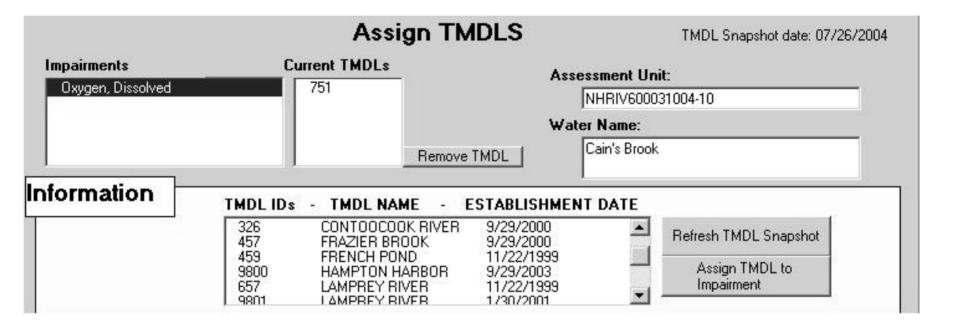
Pollution Sources – Based on those used in 319 NPS Program and OWM Permitting



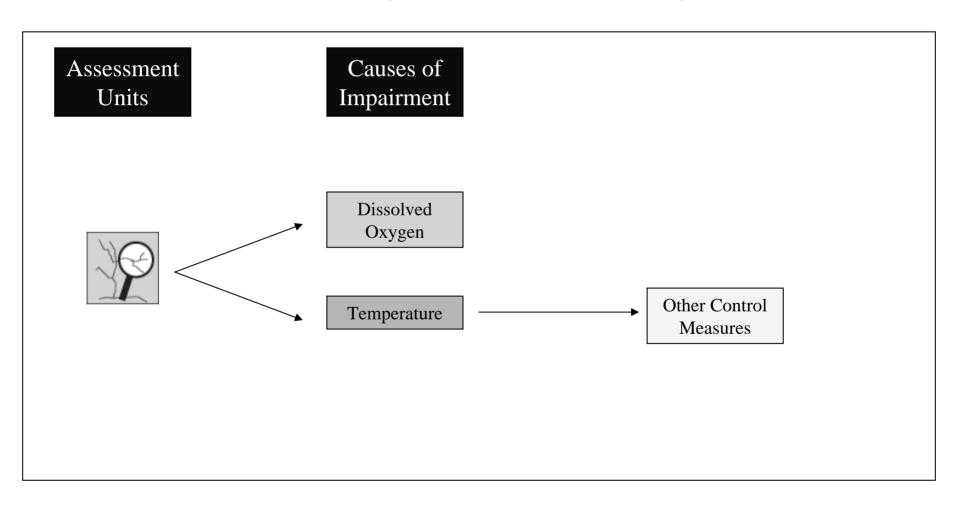
The ADB provides a way to link approved TMDLs to Waterbody/Impairment combinations



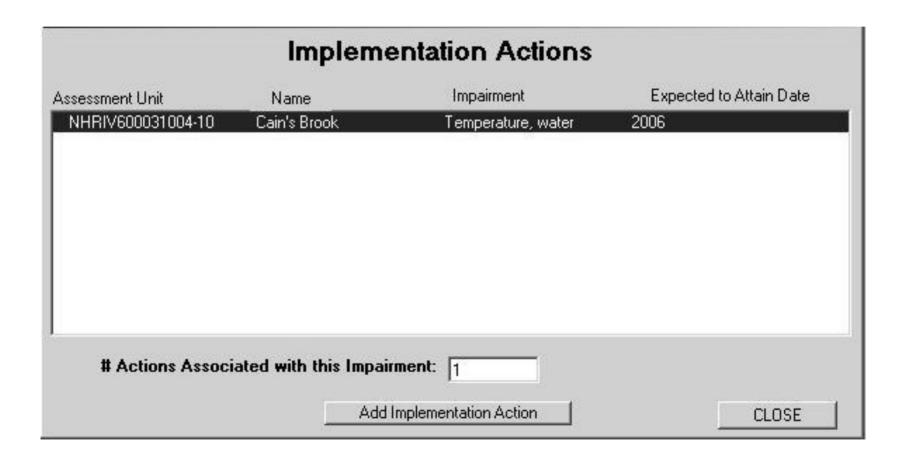
The ADB Can Track Information on TMDL Establishment for Waterbodies



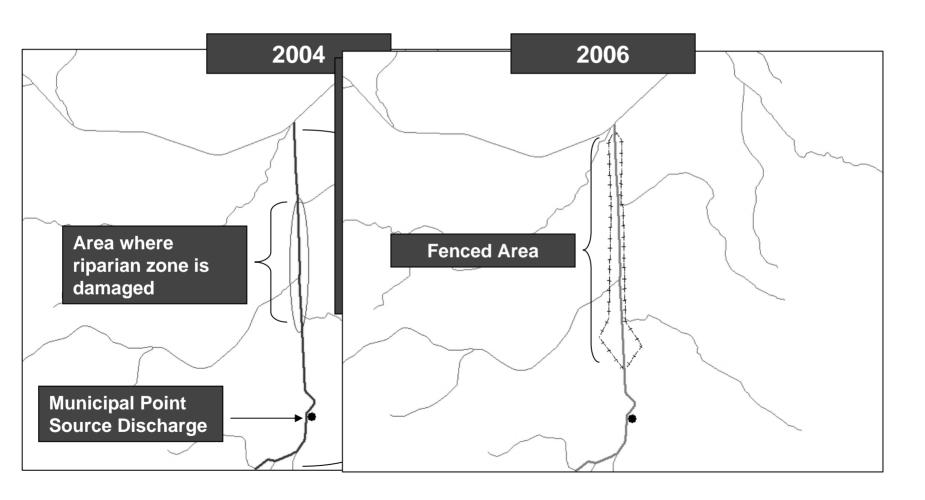
The ADB Can also track other control measures that would be enacted in order to achieve recovery of a waterbody



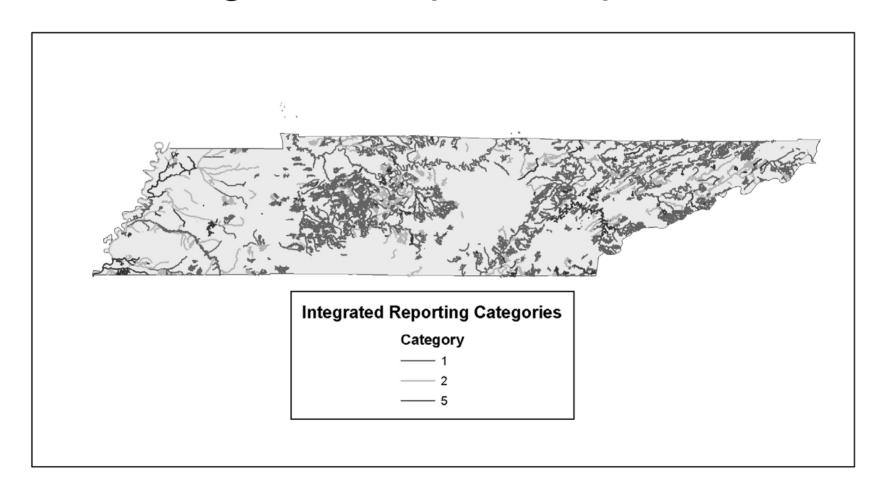
Example of Implementation Actions in the ADB



Since ADB can track data across cycles, it is possible to track the recovery of a waterbody



The ADB structure can produce (and map) the Integrated Report's 5 part lists...



The ADB allows many more questions to be answered using both reports and GIS maps.



Conclusions and Issues

- •Because of the ADB structure, and data that it stores, it is possible to answer virtually any questions you want.
- •ADBv2 vs ADBv1 (what's the difference?)
- •Segmentation Issues (tracking Assessment Units over time).
- •Every 2 years, the National Assessment Database (NAD) is compiled from multiple data sources.

Projected Submittals for 2004



Projected Submittals for 2006

